

REMARKS

No new issues are raised in this Amendment. Claims 1 and 3 have been canceled; thus, claims 4-16 are pending. Each of claims 4, 10 and 11 has been rewritten in independent form including the limitations of its previous base claim (former claim 3). No new matter was added. For reasons already determined and stated by the Examiner in the FINAL Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 USC 103(a)

- A. *In the FINAL Office Action, claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 2,799,080 issued to Duckworth.*

Claim 1 has been canceled. This rejection is now moot.

- B. *In the FINAL Office Action, claim 3 is rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 2,799,080 issued to Duckworth in view of the ASM Handbook publication.*

Claim 3 has been canceled. This rejection is now moot.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

In the FINAL Office Action, claims 4-16 are allowed.

Each of claims 4, 10 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form including the limitations of its former base claim (former claim 3).

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 4-16 are in condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome and that the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, a favorable action on the merits is therefore requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment for entering this Amendment After Final to our deposit account no. 08-3040.

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